



Washington State Department of Ecology Land Clearing Burning Permit Application

This application is for a Land Clearing Burning Permit. Land clearing burning means outdoor burning of trees, stumps, shrubbery, or other natural vegetation from projects that clear the land surface so it can be developed, used for a non-agricultural purpose, or left unused. Examples of land clearing include, but are not limited to: removing forest trees from property so a house can be built, tearing out an orchard to make way for development, or clearing rangeland for a building site. [If you are planning to replant your commercial orchard or plant another commercial agricultural crop after you burn, this is not the right burn permit for you. You will need an Ecology agricultural burn permit. Call the appropriate regional office listed below.]

Burning is only one way to dispose of vegetative debris. Ecology encourages you to use alternatives to outdoor burning such as mulching and chipping. Before a Land Clearing Burning Permit will be issued to you, you must consider alternatives to burning and show that there are no reasonable alternatives.

If you decide to burn, fill out this application (attach additional pages), sign the bottom and mail it to your regional Department of Ecology office as listed below. If you have any questions or need help filling out the application, call your regional office and ask for a Burn Team member.

For burning in these counties:

Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan

Central Regional Office

Department of Ecology
15 W. Yakima Ave., Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98902
(509) 575-2490

For burning in these counties:

Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant,
Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman

Eastern Regional Office

Department of Ecology
4601 N. Monroe, Suite 202
Spokane, WA 99169
(509) 456-2926

Please provide all the information requested. Incomplete applications will be returned. Ecology will act on a complete application in approximately one week and will either send you a permit or an explanation as to why the application was denied.

Property Owner (as appears on your Title)

Name: _____
Business Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____
*Phone: _____
*Alternate Phone: _____

Burn Operator ☐ if same as Property Owner

Name: _____
Business Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____
*Phone: _____
*Alternate Phone: _____

***Ecology must be able to contact the Burn Operator at all times while the permit, if issued, is in use.**

Proposed Burn Location Information

Street address of proposed burn: _____

Location of proposed burn (¼ ¼ Section, Township, Range): _____

County: _____ Fire Department/District: _____

Driving Directions to burn site: _____

- ☐ Attach map showing location of property, property boundaries, and which portion is being cleared. (The NRCS farm plan aerial photo maps, FSA aerial photos, USGS 7.5 minutes maps, or county plat maps are good for this purpose.)

Project Details

of acres to be burned or cleared for burning: _____

What is the current use of this property (before land clearing)? _____

Why is this land being cleared? _____

What is the planned future use of this property (after land clearing)? _____

Indicate the type(s) of vegetation planned to be burned:

Forest Trees

- ☐ pine ☐ deciduous
☐ fir ☐ other _____

Fruit Trees

variety: _____
of trees per acre: _____
age of trees: _____

- ☐ shrubs ☐ range grass
☐ weeds ☐ pasture
☐ other _____

Desired burn dates (allow one week for permit processing): _____

Estimated amount of debris to be burned: _____ tons or yds (circle one)

- ☐ Attach a detailed explanation of why you need to burn, including the alternatives to burning you have explored. Explain why each alternative is not reasonable for this land clearing project.

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Name (print)

Applicant Signature

Date